GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2374
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES AND TOWNS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes proposed for the development of various cities of West Bengal this year alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether the Government of West Bengal has submitted any proposal in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision being taken in this regard;

(d) whether the World Bank is providing any financial assistance for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the project-wise details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a)to(c): S o far a s the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme is concerned, the Government of West Bengal have submitted proposals of 12 towns (ongoing and new towns) for release of Central assistance under IDSMT Scheme this year (2001-02).The towns are Sanithia, Dainhata, Dubrajpur, Taherpur, Beldanga, Dhulian, Baduria, Jamuria, Jiaganj-Azimganj, Coopers Camp, Nalhati and Egra. West Bengal State was tentatively allocated Rs.368.00 lakhs during this year 2001-02. So far the following five towns were released Central assistance amounting to Rs.145.50 lakhs:

Name of town	CA Released (Rs.in lakhs)
1. Sainthia	42.00
2. Dainhata	16.50
3. Dubrajpur	58.50
4. Taherpur	13.50
5. Beldanga	15.00
TOTAL:	145.50

The proposals for Dhulian, Baduria, Jamuria, Jiaganj-Azimganj, Coopers Camp and Nalhati are in the process for release of Central assistance. The proposal for release of subsequent instalment to Egra town is not considered as the town does not qualify for further release and the State Government was accordingly informed.

There i s a Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), to assist the State Governments in implementing water supply schemes for small urban towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 Census. The funding pattern is 50:50 by the Central and State Governments which includes 5% contribution from the Urban Local Bodies. The details of schemes sanctioned so far under AUWSP for West Bengal, such as name of town, population, sanction date, project cost, per capita cost, Central share, funds released by the Government of India and State Government, expenditure reported upto June, 2001, etc. is given in attached Annexure-I.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development inMega Cities applicable to cities having population of40.00 lakhs and above as per 1991 census is being implemented by this Ministry. Kolkata is one of the five Mega Cities receiving grants under the Scheme. A sum of Rs.154.87 crore had so far been released to designated Nodal Agency, i.e. Kolkata MetropolitanDevelopment Authority - KMDA (Rs.20.02 crore was released during 2001-2002 for Kolkata Mega City).

(d)&(e): The Project Preparatory Fund (PPF) for US$ 2.5 million fothe Kolkata Water Supply and Sewerage/Drainage Projectwas signed with the World Bank on 23.7.99. Since the refinancing date of the Project was 30.10.2001 and since no loan/credit has been granted by the Bank by the refinancing date, the Bank has asked for repayment of advance withdrawn together with interest or service charge accrued thereon. Therefore, at present the World Bank does not have any projects in West Bengal relating to the development of cities and towns.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)to(c) OF LOK SABHA USQ.NO. 2374 FOR 19.3.2002

WEST BENGAL
PROJECT SANCTIONED
STATUS 11.3.2002 (Rs. in lakhs)

S. NO.	NAME OF TOWN (1991 CENSUS)	DISTT.	POPULATION	SANCTIONED DATE MON./YE.	PROJECT COST (In Rs.)	PER CAPITA COST	CENTRAL SHARE BY GOI	FUNDS RELEASED BY STATE UPTO JUNE,01	EXPENDITURE	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
	I-39.13									
1.	KHIRPAI+	MIDNAPUR	14894	DECEMBER,94	118.88	798.17	59.44	(1993-94)	59.44	129.21
2.	KHARAT +	MIDNAPUR	10310	DECEMBER,94	90.88	881.47	45.44	II-52.25	45.44	96.91
3.	RAMJIBANPUR +	MIDNAPUR	12199	DECEMBER,94	116.12	951.88	58.06	(1994-95)	58.06	116.49
4.	HALDIBARI	COOCH-BEHAR	10968	AUGUST, 98	87.40	796.86	43.70	III- 71.56	39.33	39.33
5.	DEORA PARGANA	NORTH 24	3814	APRIL,2000	98.32	2577.87	49.16	(1995-96)	20.00	9.10
6.	MADANPUR	NADIA	9759	APRIL,2000	215.61	2209.35	107.81	IV- 43.97	-	-
7	BEGAMPUR U.A	HOOGLI	19863	MAY, 2000	204.28	1028.44	102.14	(1998-99)	-	0.00
8.	BALARAMPUR	NADIA	19155	JAN.,2001	475.80	2483.95	237.90	IV- 248.51	-	-
9.	UTTAR LATABARI	JALPAIGURI	12170	MARCH,2002	128.84	1058.67	64.42	(2000-2001) IV- 248.22 (2001-2002)	-	-
TOTAL:			113132		1536.13		703.65	703.64	222.27	391.04

\+ Scheme Commissioned.

N.B. Begampur urban agglomeration consist of Begampur NM, Purba Tazpur NM and Kharsarai NM.

++ Figures of State release are as on 31.5.2001

SCHEMES UNDER SCRUTINY IN CPHEEO

S.NO.	NAME OF TOWN	DISTRICT	POPULATION	PROJECT COST	REMARKS

(1991) (Rs.lakhs)
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1.	Khatra	Bankura	13276	656.93	Examined, comments sent to State Govt. in 03/2002 for submitting the modified DPR. Reply awaited.
2.	Uttar Kamakhyaguri	Jalpaiguri	9092	142.03	Reply received in 01/2002. Pending for want of funds.
			22368	798.96	